

BEFORE THEATREZON AND ORROBATION COMMISSION

WILLIAM A. MUNDELL Chairman JIM IRVIN Commissioner

MARC-SPITZER Commissioner MAY 0 4 2001

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF QWEST CORPORATION F/K/A U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF A PAGING CONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH WEBLINK WIRELESS, INC.

DOCKET NO. T-01051B-01-0212

DECISION NO. 63645

<u>ORDER</u>

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Open Meeting May 1 and 2, 2001 Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On March 8, 2001, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc., filed an application for approval of an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest, and Weblink Wireless, Inc. ("Weblink"). The term of the Agreement shall be effective upon Commission approval and remain in effect until January 18, 2002. Upon expiration, the Agreement shall remain in force and effect until terminated by either party on one hundred sixty (160) days written notice. The Agreement governs the terms and conditions under which Qwest will offer interconnection to Weblink.
- 21 2. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act") directed incumbent local exchange carriers to make their networks available for interconnection and resale by new entrants to the local exchange market. The 1996 Act provides for interconnection and resale agreements to be concluded by voluntary negotiation.
- 25 3. This Agreement between Qwest and Weblink was voluntarily negotiated, without resort to arbitration.
 - 4. Under the terms of the Agreement, Qwest will provide services to interconnect its network with Weblink Wireless' network. The Agreement covers both Type 1 and Type 2 Paging

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Connection Service which enables Qwest's end users and other telecommunications carriers transiting Qwest's network to page end users of Weblink's network.

- According to the 1996 Act and Commission Rule, the Commission must approve 4 voluntarily negotiated interconnection and resale agreements, if their provisions are nondiscriminatory and in the public interest.
- Staff has reviewed the Agreement and finds it to be non-discriminatory and in the 6. 7 public interest. Owest is offering the same terms and conditions of the Agreement to all other 8 interested parties. The Agreement is in the public interest because it will act to further competition 9 in the local exchange market in Arizona.
- Since there are no grounds for rejection of the Agreement pursuant to Section 11 || 252(e)(2)(A) of the 1996 Act, Staff has recommended that the Commission approve the 12 Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and Weblink.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- Qwest is an Arizona public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV, 1. Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.
- The Commission has jurisdiction over Weblink and over the subject matter of the 2. Application.
- The Commission, having reviewed the Application and Staff's Memorandum has 3. determined that the Interconnection Agreement negotiated between Qwest and Weblink meets the requirements of Section 252(e)(2)(A) of the 1996 Act which governs the approval of voluntarilynegotiated agreements and is in the public interest.
- The Commission maintains jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Agreement 4. and Amendments thereof, to the extent permitted pursuant to the powers granted the Commission by the Arizona Constitution, Statutes, Commission Rule, and the 1996 Act and the Rules promulgated thereunder.

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DISSENT:

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ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Commission hereby approves the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and Weblink filed on March 8, 2001.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, BRIAN C. McNEIL,

Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this day of May, 2001.

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Executive Secretary

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